

1 Richard addressed a little while ago. And how are they  
2 going to do that because the streets here in Alton are  
3 pretty tiny, but I -- I believe that we can -- we can  
4 probably work that out somehow.

5 But we need to take care of our energy needs  
6 in this great country, and we can't pawn it off onto  
7 anybody else any more.

8 Tourism will survive, but if energy goes away,  
9 tourism will go away too because nobody will be able to  
10 drive here to see this beautiful land.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. BRYANT: I -- I guess I need a  
13 clarification. During the BLM initial BIS, we were told  
14 by the Alton -- the Coal Hollow project that this coal  
15 was not -- was going to be railed out of here in Cedar  
16 City. And, at one time, I was told it was going to  
17 China.

18 I guess we need clarification. Is this coal  
19 going to be used in the United States or not?

20 DIRECTOR BAZA: I know that's a question you  
21 want addressed. We do have a representative of the coal  
22 company here.

23 I indicated to him that we would give him the  
24 last word tonight to try to respond to some of these  
25 comments and questions.

1 And this is a very positive thing for the  
2 railroad and Cedar City, sparkplug more railroad use,  
3 which will sparkplug more railroad use.

4 And railroads are coming back. It's the  
5 efficient way to move materials and equipment especially  
6 now that energy costs are a lot.

7 And so it's going to do a lot for employment  
8 also in Cedar City. And so I'd just like to go on  
9 record as supporting it.

10 DIRECTOR BAZA: Okay. We have a comment back  
11 here.

12 MR. BRIAN NICHOLS: Hi. My name is Brian  
13 Nichols from Cedar City also. And we're here with  
14 Frank.

15 We're excited for the economic development  
16 opportunities that are going to come with the expansion  
17 of -- of the coal operations over here for -- for this  
18 part of the county as well as where we're at.

19 My wife's family has a summer residence just  
20 off of Hatch in the Mammoth Creek area. And I think  
21 that we're just excited to have these opportunities.

22 I think, with energy costs where they're at,  
23 that -- that expansions such as these are going to  
24 happen, whether in this part of the country or  
25 otherwise, and -- and we might as well benefit from it.

1 But, before I do that, is there anyone else  
2 who wants to be on the record tonight?

3 MR. SALVATO: Hi. My name is Vince Salvato, I  
4 live in Panguitch. Salvato, S-a-l-v-a-t-o.

5 In answer to this question about jobs, last  
6 year in Garfield County, there was 500 building permits  
7 issued. And 90 percent of the construction in Garfield  
8 County was done by outsiders.

9 The jobs are here. We need to educate our  
10 young people, train them, send them to school for  
11 plumbing, carpentry, framing. There's plenty of jobs.  
12 That's not an issue.

13 Thank you.

14 DIRECTOR BAZA: I see we have some people that  
15 just walked in. Right now, we have a bit of an open  
16 mike.

17 If you would like to make comments for the  
18 record for us to consider as a Division, please step up  
19 to the microphone and do that.

20 We'll shortly be turning some time over to the  
21 representative of the coal company who would like to say  
22 a few words too.

23 MR. FRANK NICHOLS: I'm Frank Nichols; I'm  
24 from Cedar City. I'm -- I own the property and the  
25 industrial park where the coal will be loaded out of.

1 So I'd like to go on record as being in favor  
2 as well.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. HEATON: My name is Claren Heaton. I'm  
5 the Mayor of Alton. I figure I ought to, at least, get  
6 my two cents worth in here.

7 I know we've talked about truck traffic and --  
8 and wildlife and -- and all of these things, and -- and  
9 I understand that there's -- there's some concerns  
10 there.

11 And, again, it was brought up about the energy  
12 prices, the energy costs. I just noticed -- I don't  
13 know how many of you have gotten your Garkane paper in  
14 the last three or four days.

15 They're talking about a rate hike because  
16 of -- because of transportation costs. That's going to  
17 be held in, I think, it was in October of this year when  
18 they're talking about that.

19 What -- what is that going to do if -- if we  
20 don't -- can't supply the coal to some of our local  
21 power plants, and we bring it in from out of state,  
22 which eventually is going to happen because Carbon  
23 County and Emery County are literally running out of  
24 coal.

25 And people that I have talked to up in that